

**Federal Funding Opportunities for Game-Based Approaches  
Updated February 2021**

Program	Key Information	Timeline	Contact
<b>ED</b> <b>ED/IES SBIR – Small Business Innovation Research</b>	\$1.1M to for-profit firms for R&D and evaluation of innovative and commercially viable ed-tech products for students, teachers, and administrators across many areas in education and special education.	<b>Next RFP:</b> Late 2021	Edward Metz <a href="mailto:Edward.Metz@ed.gov">Edward.Metz@ed.gov</a>
<b>ED</b> <b>IES Research Grants Program</b>	\$1.4M to \$3.3M (mainly to universities or non- profits) for basic research, R&D of interventions and assessments, and evaluation across many topics in education.	<b>CLOSED</b> – Next Due Date To Be Determined	Christina Chinn <a href="mailto:Christina.Chhin@ed.gov">Christina.Chhin@ed.gov</a>
<b>ED</b> <b>IES Special Education Grants Program</b>	\$1.4M to \$3.3M (mainly to universities or non- profits) for basic research, R&D of interventions and assessments, and evaluation across many topics in special education.	<b>CLOSED</b> – Next Due Date To Be Determined	Sarah Brasiel <a href="mailto:Sarah.Brasiel@ed.gov">Sarah.Brasiel@ed.gov</a>
<b>ED</b> <b>Ready to Learn Television</b>	\$27M for public telecommunications entities to create and distribute educational television and digital media for children ages 2-8, especially those from low-income households.	CLOSED - Next RFA To Be Determined	Brian Lekander <a href="mailto:Brian.Lekander@ed.gov">Brian.Lekander@ed.gov</a>
<b>ED</b> <b>OSEP</b> <b>Stepping Up Technology Implementation</b>	\$1.5M (3 grants, \$500,000 each per year/5 years) to effectively implement research-based technology tools that benefit students with disabilities and develop and disseminate products for a broad range of schools.	<b>OPEN NOW</b> - Due: February 22, 2021	Terry Jackson <a href="mailto:terry.jackson@ed.gov">terry.jackson@ed.gov</a>
<b>ED</b> <b>OSEP</b> <b>National Center on Accessible Educational Materials for Learning</b>	\$1.2M per year for 5 years to provide TA to increase the capacity of stakeholders to use AEM and related technologies.	CLOSED – Next RFA To Be Determined	Tara Courchaine <a href="mailto:tara.courchaine@ed.gov">tara.courchaine@ed.gov</a>
<b>EPA</b> <b>Environmental Education Grants Program</b>	Pool of \$3M for locally focused environmental education projects to receive funding under the 2020 Environmental Education Grant Program.	<b>CLOSED</b> - Next RFA To Be Determined	<a href="mailto:EEgrants@epa.gov">EEgrants@epa.gov</a>

<b>IMLS</b> <b>Museums for America</b>	\$5 to \$250K for projects that strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public. Lifelong Learning category.	<b>Next NOFO:</b> To Be Determined	Helen Wechsler <a href="mailto:hwechsler@imls.gov">hwechsler@imls.gov</a>
<b>IMLS</b> <b>National Leadership Program</b>	\$50K to \$1M for projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance practice in the profession so that museums can improve services for the American public. Digital Platforms and Applications category.	<b>Next NOFO:</b> To Be Determined	Helen Wechsler <a href="mailto:hwechsler@imls.gov">hwechsler@imls.gov</a>
<b>NEA</b> <b><u>Grants for Arts Projects</u></b>	\$10,000-\$100,000 to support 14 artistic disciplines through project-based funding focused on projects that use the arts to unite and heal in response to current events; celebrate our creativity and cultural heritage; invite mutual respect for differing beliefs and values; and enrich humanity.	<b>Next Deadline:</b> Feb 11, 2021 and July 8, 2021	<b><u>Varies by discipline</u></b>
<b>NEH</b> <b>Digital Projects for the Public</b>	\$30,000 - \$400K to supports projects that interpret and analyze humanities content in primarily digital platforms and formats. The projects must be designed to attract broad public audiences and incorporate sound humanities scholarship.	<b>Next RFA:</b> Opens: April 9, 2021  Due: June 9, 2021	<a href="mailto:publicpgms@neh.gov">publicpgms@neh.gov</a> Jeff Hardwick <a href="mailto:jhardwick@neh.gov">jhardwick@neh.gov</a> ; Marc Ruppel <a href="mailto:mruppel@neh.gov">mruppel@neh.gov</a>
<b>NIH</b> <b>Omnibus Solicitation for Small Business Innovation Research Grant Applications</b>	\$1.75M/2/5 years for IDM STEM resources that address P-12 student career choice or health and medicine topics for the community	<b>OPEN NOW:</b> Expires: April 6, 2021	Tony Beck <a href="mailto:Beckl@mail.nih.gov">Beckl@mail.nih.gov</a>
<b>NIH</b> <b><u>Interactive Digital Media STEM (SBIR/STTR)</u></b>	\$1.75M/2.5 years for IDM STEM resources that address P-12 student career choice or health and medicine topics for the community.	<b><u>OPEN NOW:</u></b> Due: September 3, 2021; September 2, 2022	Tony Beck <a href="mailto:Beckl@mail.nih.gov">Beckl@mail.nih.gov</a>
<b>NIH</b> <b>Science Education Partnership Award, PAR-20-153</b>	\$1.35M/5 years for: development of innovative educational activities for P-12 teachers and students or interactive science center/museum health exhibits.	<b>OPEN NOW</b> Due: July 13, 2021; July 13, 2022	Tony Beck <a href="mailto:Beckl@mail.nih.gov">Beckl@mail.nih.gov</a>

<p><b>NSF</b> <b>ECR</b> <b>EHR Core Research</b></p>	<p>\$500K/2 years, \$1.5M/3 years, \$2.5M/5 years for: ECR Core invites proposals for fundamental research (basic research or use-inspired basic research) that advances knowledge in one or more of the three Research Tracks: <b>STEM Learning and Learning Environments, Research on Broadening Participation in STEM fields</b></p>	<p><b>OPEN NOW</b> Due: October 7, 2021</p>	<p><a href="mailto:ECR@nsf.gov">ECR@nsf.gov</a></p>
<p><b>NSF</b> <b>ECR: BCSEER: EHR Core Research (ECR): Building Capacity in STEM</b></p>	<p>\$25K - \$1M/3 years for: ECR: BCSEER supports activities that enable early and mid-career researchers to acquire the requisite expertise and skills to conduct rigorous fundamental research in STEM education.</p>	<p><b>NEXT DEADLINE:</b> February 26, 2021</p>	<p><a href="mailto:ECRBCSEER@nsf.gov">ECRBCSEER@nsf.gov</a></p>
<p><b>NSF</b> <b>CSforAll: RPP Computer Science for All</b></p>	<p>This program aims to provide <i>all</i> U.S. students the opportunity to participate in computer science education in their schools at the preK-12 levels. This solicitation focuses on researcher-practitioner partnerships.</p>	<p><b>NEXT DEADLINE:</b> February 9, 2022</p>	<p>Jeffrey Forbes <a href="mailto:jforbes@nsf.gov">jforbes@nsf.gov</a>  Allyson Kennedy <a href="mailto:aykenned@nsf.gov">aykenned@nsf.gov</a></p>
<p><b>NSF</b> <b><a href="#">Research on Emerging Technologies for Teaching and Learning (RETTL)</a></b></p>	<p>Max \$750K/2-3 years for: Funds exploratory and synergistic research in learning technologies to prepare learners to excel in work at the human-technology frontier.</p>	<p><b>NEXT DEADLINE:</b> October 18, 2021</p>	<p>Tatiana D. Korelsky <a href="mailto:tkorelsk@nsf.gov">tkorelsk@nsf.gov</a>  Amy Baylor <a href="mailto:abaylor@nsf.gov">abaylor@nsf.gov</a></p>
<p><b>NSF</b> <b>ITEST Innovative Tech Experiences for Students/Teachers</b></p>	<p>\$300K/2 years to \$3M/5 years for: ITEST is an applied research and development program providing direct student learning opportunities in pre-kindergarten through high school. ITEST seeks proposals that pursue innovative instructional approaches and practices.</p>	<p><b>NEXT DEADLINE:</b> August 13, 2021</p>	<p><a href="mailto:DRLITEST@nsf.gov">DRLITEST@nsf.gov</a></p>
<p><b>NSF</b> <b>DRK-12 Discovery Research PreK-12</b></p>	<p>\$450K/3 years to \$5M/5 years for: Seeks to enhance the learning and teaching of STEM by preK-12 students and teachers, through research and development of STEM education innovations and approaches.</p>	<p><b>Next Deadline:</b> October 6, 2021</p>	<p><a href="mailto:DRLDRK12@nsf.gov">DRLDRK12@nsf.gov</a></p>

<p><b>NSF</b> <b><a href="#">AISL</a></b> <b>Advancing Informal STEM Learning</b></p>	<p>The AISL program seeks to advance new approaches to and evidence-based understanding of the design and development of STEM learning opportunities for the public in informal environments.</p>	<p>CLOSED: Next RFA to be determined</p>	<p><a href="mailto:drlaisl@nsf.gov">drlaisl@nsf.gov</a></p>
<p><b>NSF</b> <b><a href="#">SBIR Program</a></b></p>	<p>Up to \$1.75M for high risk technical R&amp;D of informational technology products that are commercially viable and are directed towards strong societal benefits. <b><a href="#">SBIR COVID19 Response Page</a></b></p>	<p><b><a href="#">Varying LOI submission deadlines</a></b></p>	<p>Peter Atherton <a href="mailto:PATHERTO@nsf.gov">PATHERTO@nsf.gov</a></p>
<p><b>HHS/ACL/NIDILRR</b> <b><a href="#">SBIR</a></b></p>	<p>Offers 6-month \$100K Phase I grants and 2-year \$575K Phase II to for-profit U.S. businesses to R&amp;D innovative commercially viable products and services designed to meet the needs of individuals with all types of disabilities across the age span.</p>	<p><b>CLOSED:</b> Next RFA to be determined</p>	<p>Brian Bard <a href="mailto:Brian.Bard@acl.hhs.gov">Brian.Bard@acl.hhs.gov</a></p>
<p><b>NASA</b> <b><a href="#">Annual International Space Apps Challenge:</a></b></p>	<p>Hackathon for coders, scientists, gamers, designers, storytellers, makers, builders, technologists, and others in cities around the world. Teams engage with NASA's free and open data to address real-world problems on Earth and in space.</p>	<p>2021 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary hackathon event: Oct 2-3, 2021</p>	<p>Shobhana Gupta <a href="mailto:shobhana.gupta@nasa.gov">shobhana.gupta@nasa.gov</a></p>